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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas A. Desjardin, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: February 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Thomas College Program Review Team Report of Findings

BACKGROUND: A state program approval visit to Thomas College was conducted October 5 – October 8, 2014 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs:

- Elementary Education
- Early Childhood Education – (B-5 and K-3)
- Secondary Education – (English and Social Studies)

Following the on-site visit, the Review Team's Report of Findings was prepared which included commendations, program recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. A copy of the Thomas College Self-Study Report as well as a copy of the Thomas College Review Team's Report of Findings was submitted as a receipt exhibit for the December 10, 2014 Board meeting which was postponed due to inclement weather conditions. The Team Report of Findings were received by the Board during the Board's January 14, 2015 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Thomas College Review Team's Report of Findings and grant state program approval to the Thomas College educator preparation programs from fall 2014 to Fall 2019.

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